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An Exact

ACCOUNT

OF

The most Considerable Transactions

That hath Occurred in

IRELAND,

SINCE

The Late K. *JAMES*'s Arrival there.

Licens'd and Entr'd according to Order.

Dear SIR,

I Left *Dublin* last *Saturday*-night, and the Protestants there in a most confused and distracted condition. That Morning Monsieur *D'Aveaux* made his Entry as Embassadour from the *French* King, and with great Attendance and Guards, from the Earl of *Clancarty*'s House near the Colledge, to the Castle of *Dublin*. He had publick Audience between Eleven and Twelve; he concluded his Speech to this effect: *That His Most Christian Majesty did heartily recommend to the Consideration of his Majesty of* Great Britain, *the Innocency, Merits, and Losses of his Catholick Subjects of* Ireland; *hoping that he would not only Restore them to their Estates, so long possest by Heretiks and Usurpers, but also make and contrive some way to make them Amends for the great Damages they have so long sustained.* That which we generally understand by it, is, that the late King should give the *Irish* not only the Estates forfeited by the late Rebellion, but indifferently all the Protestants Estates. The same day 'twas resolved on, that the late King should go this week to *London-Derry*, and carry the Earl of *Granard* with him, hoping that by his presence they might be induced to surrender. What the Event may be, God knows; but they are all mightily afraid, unless speedy Succours and Encouragement be sent them, they must submit to Mercy; not to the Mercy of a King, but of the *French*: for the late King is to do nothing in the Government, without the Advice of Monsieur *D'Aveaux*; nothing in the Army, without the Consent of the two *French* Lieutenant-Generals *Rosa* & *Mamoon*, *Lery* and *Pusignan* the Major-Generals; and to dispose of no Money, but as the *French* King's Treasurer does direct. The whole *Irish* Army now in Pay, is something above 40000; of which 20000 lay last week before *Coleain*, which is a Pass to *London-Derry*, and 10000 are on their march the other way toward *Derry*, through the Country of *Monaghan*, and another 10000 ordered now to attend their King, the former 10000 being led by the Duke of *Berwick*. The *Irish* have now in their Hands the whole Kingdom, except only *Coleain*, *London-Derry*, and *Enisklin*. They have seized upon all the Estates of those who are in *England*: and the old Proprietors have possessed themselves of all the forfeited Estates, whether the Owners be in *Ireland* or *England*. All *Munster*, and most part of *Leinster*, is plundered, so that the poor Protestants are generally in a most Miserable Perishing Condition. Sir *Thomas Southwel* and 225 more, most of them Gentlemen of good Estates, are condemned for High-Treason, and to be Hang'd, drawn, and Quarter'd: Their Crimes were only endeavouring to Escape out of the County of *Cork* and *Limrick*, where there was nothing but Plundering and Murthering, into the *North*, where all was Quiet: Their Estates are all declared forfeited: They were in hopes of a Pardon, but they are only Reprieved for some time, and kept as Hostages. Sir *Laurence Parsons* of the *Bear*, and a great number of his Tenants, and Gentlemen his Neighbours, were Condemned and Sentenced last week at *Philipstown*: Their Crimes was, that they kept their Doors shut a few days against the Rabble and Dragoons, who plundered all about them. Eleven Condemned upon some account at *Mary-Burrough*; two of which are Hang'd and Quarter'd: as also one *Brewer*, a Gentleman of an Estate at *Cork*, was Hang'd and Quarter'd. And if they have time, I make

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no queſtion but they will try and Condemn all the Gentlemen they can find, upon one Preſence or other; and they keep them with an intension to have ſuch Priſoners of the *Iriſh*, as the *Engliſh* ſhall hereafter take, Exchanged for them. In the mean time the Gentlemen are under the Sentence of the Law, and moſt barbarouſly uſed.

The 7th. of *May* a Parliament is to ſit in *Dublin*, the Houſe of Commons will not have one Proteſtant in it, the Houſe of Lords it may be three or four, and I cannot think above ſix or ſeven. They do deſign to confirm all the *Engliſh* Eſtates to the *Iriſh*, to Attaint all the Rebels, as they call them; that is, all who are now in *England*, and who they pleaſe in *Ireland*, and to Eſtabliſh Popery by an Act of Parliament, and give all the Livings to Papiſts, leaving nothing to Proteſtants, both Laity and Clergy, only Liberty of Conſcience as long as they pleaſe. I had much Diſcourſe laſt Friday with a Papiſt Lord, who came from *Breſt* with King *James*, and was with him at St. *Germains*; and he being in former times much obliged by ſome of my Friends, and moſt of all being out of Humour by having ſome mean pitiful Fellows placed over his Head, which he was not able to bear, he told me all that was in his Heart, and I am confident he had no deſign to deceive me. *In the firſt place, he aſſured me, That there are Spies, who give the Duke of* Tyrconnel *an Account of every thing that was done and ſaid in* London, *and eſpecially at* White-Hall; *and therefore bid me be ſure when ever I went to* England, *to be upon my Guard, for if I ſhould chance to ſpeak my mind freely, notice would be given of it into* Ireland, *and immediately my Friends there would be ruined. He told me, the* French *King had made Solemn Proteſtations, that he would never reſt till he had effectually aſſiſted the late King, in order to which, he lent him about* 500000 L. *Sterling in the hands of the* French *Treaſurer, and Arms for* 25000 *Men, with Ammunition proportionable, which are now in* Ireland. *That they daily expect from* Breſt 30 *Sail, in which are about* 5000 French *Officers and Souldiers, with more Arms, which are to come to* Kingſale; *and becauſe the* French *King finds that his Friend ruined himſelf by his own Miſcarriage, and being too merciful to the Proteſtants, as he thought, the Abdicated King is to do nothing without the Approbation of Monſieur* D'Avaux, *who every one ſays is a very Cunning Man. But ſince he came to* Dublin, *he has Declared himſelf already ſufficiently againſt all Proteſtants. He ſays, the Deſign is, That a conſiderable Body of the* Iriſh *Army, as ſoon as* Derry *has ſubmitted, ſhall March directly into* Scotland, *where ſome Forces are expected to join with him, in Order to March into the North of* England. *And to divert and amuſe King* William, *the* French *King has promiſed to joyn into* Flanders *a great Army, and at one time to Beſiege ſeveral places, which I have forgot: And that he was reſolved to do any thing in the World at this Juncture, even to the going on his Knees to the Emperor and the Pope, ſo that it might be but at Peace with them now. He ſaid, he told me this out of meer Love and good Will, and only with this Deſign, that I might conſider the Matter fairly, and then take my Meaſures as far as my own particular Concern goes, from what I could reaſonably expect would be the Events of thoſe Deſigns.*

His own Opinion, he told me, was, That Ireland *would be perfectly under the Power of the* French *King, and that* England *would have work enough. Upon the whole, he Adviſed me to be as unconcern'd any way as I could poſſibly. He added, that King* James *has more Friends in* England *than he ſhould have, and that he makes no Queſtion but very ſhortly to ſee all Proteſtants together by the Ears.*

Thus, Dear Sir, I have after a confuſed manner (for my Head is ſtill giddy with the Sea) given you an Account of what I conceive is abſolutely neceſſary ſhould be known at *London* concerning the Affairs of *Ireland*. If I thought my going up to *London*, would do the leaſt Service to that miſerable undone Kingdom, I would not ſtay here one Minute longer. But ſince Men of ſo great Qualities, and Parts, and Eminency, who have left *Ireland*, are able to declare the Truth of what I ſay, I cannot hope that ſuch an obſcure and ordinary a one as I am can ſay much more. I am told ſome Men will not believe the bad condition of that Miſerable Nation; I know not whether it be true; if it be, I wiſh they were there, to ſee the Miſery and Calamities of thoſe many Thouſands of Miſerable, Plundred, and Ruined Proteſtants, who are not able to come away, and are in the Jaws of the moſt Bloody and Barbarous People upon Earth. A few days ago, the Lord *Galmoy* took one *Dean Dixies* Son, and another Young Gentleman, both bred up in our Colledge, and not in Arms, and hanged them upon a Sign-Poſt. A Gentleman was ſhot in the Head by two Souldiers at his own Door in *Dublin* laſt Thurſday Night. They Plundred all round *Dublin* at Noon-day, tho' their King be there. There is a Standard ſet upon the top of the Caſtle of *Dublin*, with this Inſcription, NOW OR NEVER, NOW AND FOR EVER. They ſay, the Duke of *Tyrconnel* is to go ſuddenly to *France*. I find the People here are not very apt to believe that the late King is now in *Dublin*, but I aſſure you I ſaw him ſeveral times, and I know his Face as well as I do any mans, and it is really he. Yet for all this, many *Iriſh* Officers are ſaid to deſert, finding the *French* preferred before them on all Occaſions, and more regarded, which puts them very much out of Humour, and that they are like to fall abſolutely under the *French* Power. For God's ſake let ſomething be done ſuddenly: *Dublin* has not above 1600 Souldiers now in it; I am confident if 10000 Men were immediately ſent thither, and Arms for 10000 more, they would be able to Defend *Leinſter*. There is now there Hay, and Oats ſufficient for 2000 Horſe, and therefore they need not ſtay for Forrage.

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